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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/559,695	KIDA ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 May 2009.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 5-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,5-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim1, 5-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim1, 5-9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwano et al (EP 1206135).

Regarding claim1, 8, 9, Iwano et al (hereinafter Iwano) anticipates data recording apparatus for recording, onto a recording medium (see figure43) , AV data and post recording data in synchronization with the AV data (see figure43), on the recording medium, a plurality of user programs using an identical scene in the AV data being producible (see figure60, EU), and the post recording data being referable from the plurality of user programs (see figure60 PRU), and onto the recording medium, management information that manages a relationship between at least one of the user programs and the post recording data being recorded (see figure60 address LUT) wherein, the post recording data is a partial area in an area including a post recording data group which is referred to from more than one type of the user programs (see

figure60 PRU), the area including the post recording data group being recorded as one post recording file (see figure60 PRS file), and for each piece of the post recording data, the management information is recorded in a management information file whose quantity is one in each original program (see paragraph 0464; figure51).

Regarding claim5, Iwano anticipates the data recording apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein, the management information includes information of how many times the post recording data is referred to from a-the .plurality of user programs (see paragraph 0477).

Regarding claim6, Iwano anticipates the data recording apparatus as defined in claim1, wherein, the management information includes a name of the one of the user programs referring to the post recording data (see paragraph 422-423).

Regarding claim7,Iwano anticipates the data recording apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein, the management information includes information of in what range of the post recording data the one of the user programs refers to (see figure51 Start PT , End PT; paragraph 0423).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GIRUMSEW WENDMAGEGN whose telephone number is (571)270-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, M-F, alr Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tran Thai can be reached on (571)272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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